(b) if so, whether Government would consider introducing a graded scheme of tuition fees, based on the levels of income of the parents, instead of a uniform rate for all the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No such decision has been taken, as the fee structure in universities/colleges is determined by the concerned universities/State Governments. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has, however, constituted an Expert Committee to prepare draft Regulations for Admissions and Fee structure in Universities and Colleges.

Scholarships under Single Girl Child Scheme

†774. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether girls are being given scholarships at school and college level under the Single Girl Child scheme;

(b) if so, the detatls of funds provided since implementation of this scheme till date, State-wise;

(c) the parameters set for providing the funds under this Scheme; and

(d) whether the number of girl students has increased due to this Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) provides scholarships to girls who are the only children of their parents and who obtain at least 60 % marks in the class X and class XII examinations conducted by it.

In addition to the above, CBSE provides scholarships to the single girl children whose names appear in the merit list of All India Engineering Entrance Examinations (A1EEE) and All India Pre-Medical Test (AIPMT) conducted by CBSE.

University Grants Commission (UGC) has introduced a post-graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for single girl children from the year 2005-06 with the objective of supporting post graduate education in non professional courses only.

(b) The State/UT-wise details of funds provided by UGC upto 30th July, 2007 are given in Statement *(See* below). CBSE provides scholarships on all India basis and it has distributed scholarships amounting to Rs. 77.88 lakh in 2005 and Rs. 211.92 lakh in 2006.

(c) CBSE awards scholarships to all Single Girl Students who have secured 60% or more marks in CBSE Class X and Class XII examinations.

UGC awards scholarships to Single Girl Children who have taken admission in regular full time first-year Masters Degree Courses in any recognized University or Post graduate College with age not being more than 30 years at the time of admission in PG 1st year Course.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) The number of girl students appearing in CBSE Board Examinations has been increasing for the last three years. Similarly, UGC has received more than 1750 applications for the year 2006-07, which is a very good response compared to the previous year.

Statement

State-UT-wise details of funds provided by UGC under the Post-Graduate Indira Gandhi scholarship for single girl child upto 30th July, 2007

	States	No. of students	Scholarship Amount (in Rupees)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	49	9,80,000
2.	Assam	5	1,00,000
3.	Bihar	1	20,000
4.	Chandigarh	2	40,000
5.	Chhattisgarh	1	20,000
6.	Delhi	35	7,00,000
7.	Gujarat	11	2,20,000
8.	Haryana	3	60,000
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3	60,000
10.	J & K	1	20,000
11.	Jharakhand	7	1,40,000
12.	Karnataka	26	5,20,000
13.	Kerala	549	1,09,80,000
14.	Madhya Pradesh	3	60,000
15.	Maharashtra	45	9,00,000
16.	Manipur	1	20,000
17.	Mizoram	6	1,20,000
18.	Orissa	11	2,20,000
19.	Pondicherry	3	60,000
20.	Punjab	9	1,80,000
21.	Rajasthan	6	1,20,000
22.	Tamil Nadu	207	41,40,000
23.	Tripura	7	1,40,000
24.	Uttar Pradesh	29	5,80,000
25.	Uttarakhand	6	1,20,000
26.	West Bengal	67	13,40,000